

## Office of the Secretary, USDA

## § 15f.2

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## **Subpart A—What Is the Purpose of These Regulations and to Whom and to What Programs Do They Apply?**

### **§ 15f.1 What is the purpose of these regulations?**

These regulations provide the rights of complainants and the procedures for the processing of certain nonemployment related complaints alleging discrimination by USDA that were filed with USDA prior to July 1, 1997, as authorized under section 741(b) of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999, enacted in Division A, section 101(a) of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, Pub. L. 105-277.

### **§ 15f.2 Who may use these procedures for processing their discrimination complaint with USDA?**

A person may use these procedures if he or she filed a nonemployment related discrimination complaint with USDA prior to July 1, 1997, that alleged discrimination by USDA at any time during the period beginning January 1, 1981 and ending December 31, 1996 :

(a) In violation of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (15 U.S.C. 1691 *et seq.*) in administering—